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TOURISM
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LOSS TO TOURISM INDUSTRY DUE TO IA PLANE HIJACKING
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Industry has assessed the losses suffered to be suffered due to the sudden hijacking of Indian Airlines plane during the month of December, 1999;
(b) if so, the details thereof?
(c) whether the arrival of foreign tourists have declined after the hijaking incident;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to tide over the above situation and ensure safety of domestic and foreign tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Ministry of Tourism has analysed the situation. However, actual losses cannot be assessed.
(b) Date-wise tourist arrivals have been analysed at four major airports..

There was an initial decline.

Statement `A` is annexed.

According to information from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, some of the major steps taken are:

- Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel in place of the - State Police for security duties at airports.
- Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area tightened.
- Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of photo identity cards and banning of entry of the visitors up to 28.2.2000.
- Deployment of sky marshals on some identified routes of Indian Airlines and Air India.
- Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.
- Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up is being done.